

**REMARKS**

**I. THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Claim 1 is further amended herein to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

The remaining claims appear as they appeared in the Amendment submitted on April 11, 2006.

**II. CONCLUSION**

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Office require anything further, it is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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